

Remarks

The examiner's reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments above and comments which follow. This response is being filed as part of a Request for Continued Examination, as the examiner will note.

The examiner has rejected independent claim 11, and several of the dependent claims, under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Hoffmann U.S. Patent Number 3,531,169. The subject matter of claim 17 has been indicated to be allowable. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

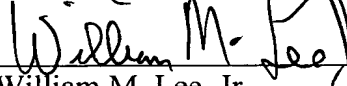
Claim 11 has been amended to define the longitudinal axis of the mast, and the fact that the rotation is about an axis which coincides with the longitudinal axis of the mast. That, it is submitted, distinguishes from Hoffmann, and claim 11 is submitted to be allowable thereover. The examiner has noted, in responsive comments on numbered section 5 on page 3 of the final office action, that the examiner's previous interpretation of the claim did not include the longitudinal axis, because the longitudinal axis was not set forth in claim 11.

It is therefore submitted that claim 11 is now in condition for allowance, and the remaining claims, which depend from claim 11, are allowable, as well. While the indicated allowability of the subject matter of claim 17 is gratefully acknowledged, given the above, it is submitted that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and the examiner's further and favorable reconsideration in that regard is urged.

As this response is being submitted at the end of the six month statutory period for response, an appropriate petition for a three month extension of time is also submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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